

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Decision on Appeal.

On July 8, 2008, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the Examiner's rejections of claims 1-20.

II. New Claim 21.

Applicant cancels claims 1-20 and submits new claim 21. Support in the specification for new claim 21 is shown in the table below.

Elements of new claim 21	Specification support
A computer implemented method for using a circle of light to cause a text, an image, an icon or a control to appear on a computer screen comprising:	FIG. 3, FIG. 4, page 6, lines 4-10
creating the text, the image, the icon, or the control in a computer screen so that, when a user chooses to hide the text, the image, the icon, or the control, the text, the image, the icon, or the control will only appear in the computer screen when a first set of coordinates in the circle of light coincides with a second set of coordinates in the text, the image, the icon, or the control;	Page 6, lines 4-10; page 5, lines 3-13
using a cursor operable in the computer screen, the cursor having a tip, establishing the circle of light to have a center at the tip, a configurable radius, a configurable color, and a configurable intensity so that the circle of light will move with the cursor and the center will always be at the tip;	FIG. 5; FIG. 6; page 5, lines 3-12; page 6, line 15 to page 7, line 12
moving the cursor on the screen until the circle of light causes the text, the image, the icon, or the control to appear; and	FIG. 3, FIG. 4; page 5, lines 16-18
when the user chooses not to hide the text, the image, the icon, or the control, automatically setting the configurable radius to zero.	FIG. 6, page 7, lines 16-19

III. Patentability of New Claim 21.

Applicant submits that the prior art of record, either individually or in combination, and either expressly or inherently, does not teach the limitations of new claim 21 for at least the following reasons:

New claim 21 recites the cooperation of the step of creating the text, the image, the icon or the control so that each will only appear when a set of coordinates in the text, the image, the icon or the control coincides with coordinates in a circle of light. The prior art is silent as to creating a text, an

image, an icon, or a control so that “when a user chooses” it will only appear when the recited condition is met.

Moreover, new claim 21 recites using establishing a circle of light with a center at the tip of a cursor that is operable in the computer screen so that the circle of light moves with the cursor and will cause the text, the image, the icon, or the control to appear when coordinates in each coincide. The prior art is silent as to creating a circle of light centered on the tip of a cursor that is operable on the computer screen.

Further, new claim 21 recites moving the cursor until the circle of light causes the text, the image, the icon, or the control to appear. The prior art is silent as to moving a cursor to cause a circle of light to make hidden content appear.

Finally, new claim 21 recites that when the user chooses not to hide content, the configurable radius is automatically set to zero. The prior art is silent to such a limitation.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the art of record and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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